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## CARDIN CELEBRATES MIKULSKI MILESTONE AS LONGEST-SERVING FEMALE SENATOR

WASHINGTON – **U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin** (D-MD) today honored his fellow senator from Maryland, **Barbara Mikulski** (D-MD), for becoming the longest serving female senator in U.S. history. Senator Cardin offered the following remarks from the floor of the U.S. Senate following passage of a resolution honoring Senator Mikulski's service.

"Marylanders take pride in their hall of famers, from Cal Ripken our Iron Man, to Brooks Robinson with the golden glove, to Johnny Unitas with the golden arm, to Frank Robinson who was an all-star in both the American and National Leagues. Now we add to that list our own Senator Barbara Mikulski, the longest serving woman senator in the U.S. Senate's history. Marylanders are proud of Senator Barb, not because of her length of service, but what she has done as a United States Senator and has done throughout her entire career.

"You ask any Marylander what they think about Senator Mikulski, and they will start off by saying she is a fighter, and then they will say we're glad she is on our side. She is an effective fighter for the people. From protecting neighborhoods from an unwanted highway to keeping jobs in Maryland from being shipped overseas, there is no more effective fighter than Senator Barbara Mikulski. She has protected our national security from her position on the Intelligence Committee, she has strengthened the U.S. space program from her position on the Appropriations Committee, she provided equity and healthcare from the Health Committee, she stands up for our federal workers, she has advanced gender equity issues, and the list goes on and on and on.

"Barbara Mikulski has taken her social worker background, her political training from ward politics in East Baltimore, her hard work ethic from her parents and her own commonsense to be the voice for working families in the halls of the United States Senate. On a personal note, I want to thank my friend for always being there for me, working together as a team for the people of Maryland. On behalf of my two granddaughters, my daughter, my wife and all Americans, thank you Senator Mikulski for living the American Dream and making that dream a reality for so many Americans."

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